

House Resolution No. 2492

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize David Lereah, Ph.D., Senior Vice President and Chief Economist for the National Association of REALTORS® and serves as the Association's spokesman on the United States economy, the housing and real estate markets as well as other economic and policy issues affecting the real estate industry in the United States and abroad; and

Whereas, David Lereah directs the Association's Research Division, the Regulatory and Industry Relations Division, the Real Estate Services Group, and Strategic Planning activities for the Association; and

Whereas, David Lereah is recognized as a leading expert in the real estate and financial services industries and his career has included tenures with private industry, government, and academia; and

Whereas, David Lereah was formerly the Chief Economist for the Mortgage Bankers Association of America (MBA) and acted as the Chief Operating Officer with responsibility for the Association's Research, Business Development, Industry Technology, Education, Marketing, Public Affairs and Meetings divisions, and with the added responsibility for the Association's Research Institute for Housing America and Societas, an international lending institute, while at the same time serving as President and Chief Executive Officer of Lender Technologies Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of the MBA; and

Whereas, David Lereah's economic and real estate market commentary is regularly quoted in major news media include the Wall St. Journal, New York Times, and CBS Evening News, among others, and David Lereah has served as an expert witness, testifying on economic and financial services issues before the United States Congress; and

Whereas, David Lereah has published numerous articles and books on finance, investments and real estate including Are You Missing the Real Estate Boom, which was published in February 2005, and his new book, All Real Estate Is Local, will be released in April 2007:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our gratitude to David Lereah, Ph.D., for his many accomplishments and his exemplary service to the real estate industry in this country; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for David Lereah, Ph.D.

Offered by _____
Representative Fred Kratky
District No. 65

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2492, adopted April 23, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker